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Resting in God

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"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him."

Ps. 37:7.

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For sixty years I have derived the greatest comfort—may even say inspiration—from the hymn, "Resting in God." I have thought, however, that its message might perhaps be more emphatic if each line were illustrated by a verse of scripture.

It is my earnest hope that in times of sorrow and sickness and during wearisome nights this beautiful hymn may bring to others a message as helpful as it has brought to me.

M. E. B.

Resting in God.

Since thy Father's arm sustains thee,
Peaceful be;
When a chastening hand restrains thee,
It is He.
Know His love in full completeness
Fills the measure of thy weakness;
If He wound thy spirit sore,
Trust Him more.

Without murmur, uncomplaining,
In his hand
Lay whatever things thou canst not
Understand.
Though the world thy folly spurneth,
From thy faith in pity turneth,
Peace thy inmost soul shall fill,
Lying still.

Like an infant, if thou thinkest
Thou canst stand;
Childlike, proudly pushing back
The offered hand,
Courage soon is changed to fear,
Strength doth feebleness appear,
In his love if thou abide,
He will guide.

Fearest sometimes that thy Father
Hath forgot ?
When the clouds around thee gather,
Doubt Him not.
Always hath the daylight broken,—
Always hath He comfort spoken,—
Better hath He been for years,
Than thy fears.

Therefore, whatsoe'er betideth,
Night or day,—
Know His love for thee provideth
Good alway.
Crown of sorrow gladly take,
Grateful wear it for His sake,
Sweetly bending to His will,
Lying still.

To his own thy Saviour giveth
Daily strength ;
To each troubled soul that liveth,
Peace at length.
Weakest lambs have largest share
Of this tender Shepherd's care ;
Ask him not, then, "When?" or "How?"
Only bow

Verse One

Since thy Father's arm sustains thee.

"Thou art my Father." Ps. 89:26.

"Underneath are the everlasting arms."
Deut. 33:27.

"The Lord sustained me." Ps. 3:5.

Peaceful be.

"Let the peace of God rule in your
hearts." Col. 3:15

When a chastening hand restrains
thee.

"Now no chastening for the present
seemeth to be joyous, but griev-
ous." Heb. 12:11

It is He.

"It is the Lord; let Him do what
seemeth Him good."

1st Sam. 3:18.

Know His love in full complete-
ness.

"Love . . . which passeth knowl-
edge."

Eph. 3:19.

Fills the measure of thy weakness.

"When I am weak, then am I strong."

2nd Cor. 12:10.

If He wound thy spirit sore.

"My heart and my flesh faileth."

Ps. 73:26

"My spirit was overwhelmed within
me."

Ps. 142:3.

Trust Him more.

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust
in Him."

Job 13:15.

Verse Two

Without murmur, uncomplaining.

“Neither murmur ye, as some of them
murmured.” 1st Cor. 10:10

In His hand.

“Casting all your care upon Him, for
He careth for you.” 1st Pet. 5:7

Lay whatever things thou canst not
understand.

“What I do thou knowest not now,
but thou shalt know hereafter.”
John 13:7

Though the world thy folly spurneth.

“Christ crucified, unto the Greeks
foolishness.” 1st Cor. 1:23

From Thy faith in pity turneth.

“Mine enemies reproach me; while
they say daily unto me, where is
thy God?” Ps. 42:10

Peace Thy inmost soul shall fill.

“The peace of God which passeth all
understanding.” Phil. 4:7

Lying still.

“Be still, and know that I am God?”
Ps. 46:10

Verse Three

Like an infant, if thou thinkest thou
canst stand.

“Peter said Bid me come
on the water.” Matt. 14:28

Childlike, proudly pushing back the
offered hand.

“He walked on the water.”
Matt. 14:29

Courage soon is changed to fear.

“When he saw the wind boisterous,
he was afraid.” Matt. 14:30

Strength doth feebleness appear.

“And beginning to sink, he cried, Lord,
save me!” Matt. 14:30

In His love if thou abide.

“Continue ye in my love.” John 15:9

He will guide.

“The Lord shall guide thee continually.”
Isa. 58:11

Verse Hour

Fearest sometimes that thy Father hath
forgot?

“Hath God forgotten to be gracious?”
Ps. 77:9

When the clouds around thee gather.

“The days of affliction have taken
hold upon me.” Job 30:16

Doubt Him not.

“O thou of little faith, wherefore didst
thou doubt?” Matt. 14:31

“Be not faithless, but believing.”
John 20:27

Always hath the daylight broken.

“I was brought low, and He helped
me.” Ps. 116:6

Always hath He comfort spoken.

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
saith your God.” Isa. 40:1

Better hath He been for years, than
thy fears.

“I will remember the years of the right
hand of the most High.” Ps. 77:10

Verse Five

Therefore, whatsoe'er betide thee night
or day.

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror
by night; nor for the arrow that flieth
by day." Ps. 91:5

Know His love for thee provideth
good alway.

"He shall give His angels charge over
thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
Ps. 91:11

Crown of sorrow gladly take.

"I glory in my infirmities."
2nd Cor. 12:9

Grateful wear it for His sake.

“We glory in tribulations also.”

Rom. 5:3

Sweetly bending to His will.

“Not my will, but Thine, be done.”

Luke 22:42

Lying still.

“In quietness and in confidence shall
be your strength.”

Isa. 30:15

Verse Six

To His own the Saviour giveth daily
strength.

“As thy days, so shall thy strength be!”
Deut. 33:25

To each troubled soul that liveth peace
at length.

“There remaineth a rest to the
people of God.” Heb. 4:9

“There the weary be at rest.”
Job 3:17

Weakest lambs have largest share.

“My strength is made perfect in weak-
ness.” 2nd Cor. 12:9

Of this tender Shepherd's care.

"The Lord is my shepherd."

Ps. 23:1

Ask Him not, then, "When?" or "How?"
only bow.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust
also in Him; and He shall bring it
to pass."

Ps. 37:5

“What time I am afraid, I will
trust in Thee.” Ps. 56:3

“I will trust, and not be afraid.”
Isa. 12:2

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